THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE *MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL*-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Consequent upon conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad Metre Gauge section into Broad Gauge, following BG services have already been introduced/ extended on Aurangabad-Manmad-Bombay and Aurangabad-Daun-Manmad -Pune sections from February, 1992:

I. Aurangabad-Manmad-Bombay section:

1351/1352 Bombay-Aurangabad Passenger/Express.

II. Aurangabad-Manmad-Daund-Pune section:

(a) 1321/1322 Daund-Manmad Passenger extended upto Aurangabad.

(b) 1603/1604 Daund-Manmad Passenger extended upto Aurangabad.

Stations in Pilibhit Area

3279. DR. P. R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct new Platform and expend the existing ones in Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh keeping in view the heavy rail traffic there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to develop and beautify the various railway stations in Pilibhit and adjoining places;

(d) the amount spent on the maintenance of these stations during the last three years, station-wise; and

(e) the amount propose to be spent for the purpose during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-*LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. The existing platform* are adequate for the present volume of traffic handled at Pilibhit.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Railways do not keep stationwise details of expenditure on maintenance.

Train service on Jaipur-Todarai Singh Route

3280. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains proposed to be provided on Jaipur-Mallpura-Toda Singh route;

(b) whether a number of trains has been curtailed on this route; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) At present, there is no proposal to introduce any new train.

(b) and (c). One pair of train has been withdrawn due to poor patronisation.

[*English*]

Decentralisation of Incentive-Based Scheme of Family Planning

3281. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to decentralise the incentive-based scheme for

motivating people to adopt family planning *norms;*

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the estimated amount likely to be saved as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). There is no incentive based scheme motivating people to adopte family planning norms. However, under the Scheme of Compensation for loss of wages to acceptors of sterilisation/IUD insertion, the Central Government pays to the State/UTs a sum of Rs. 200/180/12 for each case of tubectomy/vasectomy/IUD insertion. Out of amount allocated for each case, Rs. 100 in case of vasectomy/tubectomy and Rs. 9/– in case of IUD insertion is paid to the acceptor as compensation of loss of wages and the remaining amount is spent on drugs, dressing, diet and transport etc. This Scheme i proposed to be modified for the following reasons: –

(i) The available funds under the scheme should be distributed amongst the States and UTs based on their actual birth rate reduction efforts rather then on the basis of number of sterilisations and Introa Uterine Device (IUD) insertions from year to to year.

(ii) It is necessary to propagate a genuine cafeteria besed approach to increasing contraceptive prevalence rates insterl of emphasizing on a few specific methods such as sterilisation and IUD insertion alone.

(iii) It is necessary to increasingly propagate the use of spacing devices of contraception with a view to cover a greater number of younger age couples with high fer*tility potential.*

(iv) It is necessary to give greater flexibility to States/UTs to plan the utilisation of available resources for optimising the results of population control efforts.

(c) No savings are likely to accure.

Meningitis Deaths in Tribal District of Bastar

3282. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL.
SHRI VIRENDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned '725 meningitis deaths in Bastar' /appearing in the 'National Herald' dated February 17, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the allocation under tribal sub-plan made for the region; and

(d) the reaction of Union Government in regard to proper utilization of the money allocated for welfare of tribals of that area thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the State Government for the period 1-1-1992 to 20-2-1992 the cases and